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**Local School Board Member Training Policy 2.100**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A. § 49-2-202(a)(6) requires the State Board of Education (State Board) to establish the minimum requirements for the annual training of local school board members. State Board rule 0520-01-02-.11 sets forth the process for approval of the training courses and requires the State Board to convene an advisory committee to evaluate and recommend course proposals for approval.

After their appointments in July 2021, the State Board's School Board Training Advisory Committee met in September to approve the prospective training course provider application. The application was posted to the State Board's website and shared with relevant stakeholders including the Tennessee School Boards Association, Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, Tennessee Educators Alliance, the Tennessee Charter School Center, and the Tennessee Council of School Board Attorneys.

The State Board received 23 applications by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline from four (4) prospective course providers: Dorian Campbell Consulting, Jackson Shields Yeiser Holt Owen & Bryant Firm, Tennessee School Boards Association, and Unity Training Solutions. The advisory committee met again in March and April to evaluate the applications, provide feedback to the applicants, and prepare its recommendation for approval.

After a round of feedback and revisions, the advisory committee voted to recommend 19 of the 23 applications for State Board approval. The recommended courses are listed in this policy and the advisory committee's evaluation rubrics are provided as supplemental materials. Training course approvals are valid for three (3) years, unless otherwise noted in this policy.

**Policy Justification:**

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

**The Recommendation:**

The State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.